

## **2021-2022 Officers**

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## **PTO MEETING AGENDA**

**September 14, 2021 at 6:00pm**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

### **Principal's Update**

- Open House will be Tuesday Sept. 21st on Zoom. Teachers are sending out info for their classrooms and grade level
- Transition to new school
  - Planning possibility to transitioning to indoor lunch
    - Round tables 10 to a table with own individual seats, easy to space out
    - Move to 3-4 lunches, allowing for more flexibility for teachers
    - Cunniff will have its own hot lunch menu to utilize a full service kitchen
    - Breakfast and lunch would continue to be free; students would have to bring their own snacks.
  - Meeting with police and fire this week, Sept 13th-17th
  - Ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 5th put on by the school committee
  - Shooting a video regarding how to enter cafeteria, school etc. for students to familiarize themselves with the new school before Oct. 12th
  - Furniture is coming and being set up
  - No in person open house for the parents to see the new school until COVID metrics are better
  - 5th grade class gift will be a new art case to display students pottery

### **Old Business**

- Read-a-thon recap from the end of last school year
  - Over \$7,500 raised!
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation and books
- "Popsicles with the PTO" event
- First day signs and treats for teachers
- Plan to recollect PTO materials

- Jackie has a list of who has what and will send info to Will and Jen

## **New Business**

- Sign up for PTO Homeroom Representatives
- Britt Days- Ms. Brehm
- Cara Mia Brunca- Ms. Barry
- Judy Conley- Mrs. Lacy
- Juliette Pickering- Ms. Tanguay
- George Eichinger- Ms Andreola
- Cindy St. Clair- Park and/or Breen
- Susanne Brueggeman- Hallisy
- Maria Panaggio-Phillips - Mr. Hammon
- Will Stirling- Ms. Andreola or Ms Lauria
- Kira Aprahmaian- Mr. McSweeny
  
- **Fundraising options for this year**
- Can't ask parents if they are vaccinated. We need to make sure the kids are safe and can't allow parents into the buildings until the COVID metrics are better.
  - Mena is checking if parents can volunteer that information
  - Fun Run/Spirit Week
    - Possibility of doing a small Fun Run once we are in the building for the fall
    - Spirit Week/Month once we are in the new school
      - Have a spirit day one day a week for first month we are in the new school to not overwhelm teachers or students
      - Tattoos or bracelets for students as they unpack their supplies
      - Ribbon cutting for each classroom
      - Cunniff swag fundraiser/Courage spirit day
  - Alternative for Halloween party
  - Meadow Farm? Also approached by Charleston Wrap.
  - Shoe collection – 5<sup>th</sup> grade?
    - Put on hold
  - Book Fair – virtual options or move to early spring
    - Looking into during a mini virtual in the Fall
    - Jen is looking into doing it outdoors
  
- Cunniff Swag
  - Custom ink
    - Britt Days has contact; meeting with her on Monday 9/20 on Zoom
    - T-shirts and sweatshirts

- Flocking- Group of flamingos/cougars
  - Pay to get flock moved from your yard; pay to flock someone else
  - Maybe 5th grade
- Yard sign fundraiser
  
- **Plans for a ceremony when we move back to Warren Street**
  - Yard card display, Balloon Nation and a ribbon cutting at all three entrances
  - Ribbon cutting at each individual classroom
  - Have the PTO meet with the Diversity Council, School site council to help plan grand opening ceremonies and activities.
  
- Watertown Community Foundation- 2,500 grant for teachers. Oct. application, Nov. due date, Dec. awards given. New more streamlined system this year.
  - Parents can help teacher coordinate
- Purchase large Ziplock bags for each student to pack supplies for the move

### **Treasurer's Report**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Update**

- This year's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade contacts are Jackie Airasian and Lee Haley.
  - Car wash before we leave Cunniff West
  - Bigger update in Oct.

### **Next Meeting**

- Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm